GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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MARKETING OF HEALTH CARE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether health care products are being marketed by various companies of Direct Selling Association (DSA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any complaint has been received in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT.PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e) Various kinds of health care products are sold in the country which includes dietary supplements, nutritional products etc. However, MoH&FW is concerned only where those health care products which fall under the category of 'Drugs'. All such products are manufactured under valid manufacturing licence and distributed through wholesalers having valid licences. As per the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act only retail sale of drug is done to consumers and a licence is required for the same.